

**FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



**Rahan Parish**  
**Fr. Michael PP 087-2900844**  
**Fr. Frank 057 9378181. Mucklagh**  
**Parish Secretary 057 93 78181. Wed 9:30am-5:30pm**  
**5th Sunday of Lent 26th March 2023**

**Killina: Sun 26th Mass at 10.30am:** Con and Breda Murphy, Tommy McDermott m .m. Margaret and James McDermott and their son Patrick

**Tuesday 28th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday 30th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of the Sick

**Sunday 2nd: Mass at 10.30am:** Anne and William Carroll and their son John

**The Island: Saturday 25th: Mass at 6.00pm:** Intentions of the Sick

**Saturday 1st: Mass at 6.00pm:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Mucklagh: Saturday 25th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Jim and Lizzie Coyne

**Sunday 26th: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of the Sick

**Sunday 26th: Mass at 12noon:** Michael and Kathleen O' Hanlon, their parents and deceased relatives, The Fingerboard

**Wed 29th: Mass at 7.30pm:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Thurs 30th: Mass at 9.00am:** Jack, Kathleen and Paddy Hynes, Ballina, Co. Mayo

**Friday 31st: Mass at 7.30pm:** Jodie Flaherty and dec relatives, Beechmount Park and the deceased members of the Mollin Family, Lynally

**Saturday 1st: Mass at 7.30pm:** Martin Conroy, Cloncollig, his parents Denis and Catherine, brothers John and Denis and deceased relatives, Ross

**Sunday 2nd: Mass at 9.00am:** Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday 2nd: Mass at 12noon:** Carmel Kinahan, m.m. Martin Manley 1st Anniv. Joseph and Annie Malone, Ballard

**This weeks Collections: Last weekend and St Patrick's Day**

**Offertory/Plate: Killina €435 The Island €225 Mucklagh €1,430**

**Development: Killina and The Island €340 Mucklagh €1,351**

**Trocaire:** Trocaire Boxes available at doors in all of our churches

Please take a Trocaire Box home for family use and contribute regularly to it .

**Adoration: Mucklagh: Thursdays 2pm-6pm Killina: Mondays 3pm-10pm**

**Adoration: The Island: Tue 5pm—7pm & Saturday after Mass until 8pm**

**Pray for:** Barry Kelly, Birr, Joseph Boland, Tullamore brotherin law of Kathleen

**New Parish Website:** Is now up and running on [www.rahamparish.ie](http://www.rahamparish.ie)

**Signed Mass Cards** for the departed are now available at our 3 churches.

**Dates for your Diary:** Cemetery Sunday Mucklagh Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Mass at 6pm.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August Rahan Cemetery Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August Killickfeehan Cemetery Mass at 7pm

**Penitential Service for Easter:** Tuesday of Holy Week, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Mucklagh church at 7.30 pm. A number of visiting Priests available for the Sacrament.

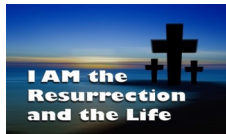
**Sacrament of Anointing** In preparation for Easter the Sacrament of Anointing and Healing of the Sick will be celebrated in **Mucklagh Church on Friday next 31<sup>st</sup> of March at 7.30pm Mass.** If you are preparing for surgery, receiving treatment, experiencing sadness or bereavement, in advanced years, or feel a need for emotional, physical, mental or physical healing you might like to receive the sacrament & a special blessing.

**School Masses** for St Colman's N.S. on Wednesday next at 10am in Mucklagh Church and for Scoil Carthage Naofa N.S. on Thursday at 1pm in the school

**Church Clean Up** in Mucklagh church on Tuesday at 10am. All help welcome.

**Reminder** clocks go forward 1 hour this weekend

**Silence** is the greatest sign of **Respect** and **Respect** the first disposition to bring to **Prayer**



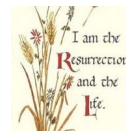
**Shamrock's Lotto:** 12, 17, 21. Bonus number 6. Next week €12,000.

**Mucklagh Community Centre: Lotto:** 6, 8, 10 & 11. Next week €3,400

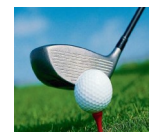


**Palm Sunday** is celebrated next Sunday. We will have **Handmade Palm Crosses** for people to bring home which are very suitable for use at home, in cars and outbuildings.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign** We are reminded that despite the challenges we are facing as a nation at the present time, they are often little in comparison to those living and working in poorer countries. As lent begins to draw to a close we are asked to continue to reach out to the poor with our contribution to our Trócaire Box. "Nobody gets to Heaven without a letter of reference from the poor" Every cent and euro do make a difference



**Today's Gospel: : A human heart** When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weep-ing over a friend. His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there – the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence. The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit. When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more im-portant than our own. So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us. Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them. Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.



**Parish Golf Classic:** Dear Friends. We are planning to have a Parish Golf Classic in both Tullamore and Esker Hills Golf Clubs on Friday 16th June, 2023 to raise funds for our Parish **A meeting will be held in Mucklagh Community Centre on Wednesday 29th March at 8.30pm** to begin to plan for the classic and we

would be delighted if you could attend. At the meeting we will discuss format for the teams for the day, price for teams, food etc and ways of reaching out to potential team captains and sponsors. Peoples help and assistance in any way will be gratefully appreciated. **Yours sincerely Fr. Michael and Fr. Frank**

**Quotes from Pope Francis who celebrated 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Papacy recently**

1. "We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."
2. "We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."
3. "The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."
5. "From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us."

**Easter Sunday: Outdoor Dawn Mass at 6am** Mass for all parishioners and friends will be offered in unused part of Mucklagh New Cemetery at which we will be remembering and praying for all who died since last Easter and those laid to rest in **all** our parish cemeteries. For the Mass we will need a canopy to cover the altar. **To** Mass we invite people to bring a seat, flask of tea and food which people can enjoy after Mass and an umbrella if necessary but if weather is very inclement we will go into the church.